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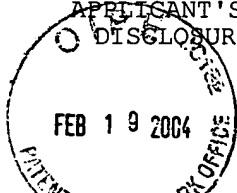
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OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

AO	"Novel Fiber Alignment Method Using a Partially Metal-Coated Fiber in a Silicon V-Groove", by S. Kaneko et al., <u>IEEE PHOTONICS TECHNOLOGY LETTERS</u> , Vol 12, No. 6, June 2000, pgs. 645-647.
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